

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6527

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2493

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PN  
SUBJECT: CANAL TREATY IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 89081

1. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE NOT TO HAVE A LETTER( OR ANY  
LEGISLATION) ON THIS MATTER. PANAMA IS FEELING PRETTY BATTERED  
AND TO SINGLE OUT TWO OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL AREAS IN THE  
AGREEMENTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WOULD ADD TO THEIR WOES.  
IT COULD EVEN PROVOKE SOME PANAMANIAN LEGISLATION WHICH  
COULD MAKE OUR LIFE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE--SUCH AS LIMITING  
THEIR EXECUTIVE'S RIGHT TO WAIVE EXERCISE OF PRIMARY JURIS-  
DICTION IN CASES WHERE WE HAVE ASSUMED THEIR WAIVER WOULD BE  
ROUTINE.

2. IF THERE MUST BE A LETTER, IT WOULD--FROM OUR  
STANDPOINT--BE BETTER TO SUGGEST THAT CONGRESS BE GIVEN A  
CHANCE TO VETO ANY RPT ANY CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENTS. THIS WOULD  
AVOID SINGLING OUT THE RATHER INSULTING PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES  
PROVISION AND THE QUESTION OF TURNOVER OF FACILITIES,  
WHICH IS POLITICALLY AND PRACTICALLY IMPORTANT HERE.  
(WE DOUBT THAT CONGREYS WILL HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN  
EXERCISING ITS VETO POWER ONCE THE EMOTIONAL EDGE IS  
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OFF THE PANAMA ISSUE.)

3. HAVING SAID ALL THIS, IF A LETTER ALONG THE LINES  
YOU SUGGEST MUST BE SENT TO OBTAIN VOTES FOR THE TREATIES,  
BY ALL MEANS IT MUST BE DONE. IT WOULD GREATLY COMPLI-  
CATE OUR LIVES UNDER THE TREATY;BUT THE PANAMANIAN  
ARE NOT GOING TO FALL ON THEIR SWORDS OVER THIS ONE.

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